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ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO: AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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SUBJECT: ARREST OF NEW YORK TIMES STRINGER D'ALEMBERT

REF: BRASILIA 963

1. NEW YORK TIMES RIO CORRESPONDENT JOE NOVITSKI CAME
TO BRASILIA TO INQUIRE INTO ARREST OF TIMES BRASILIA

STRINGER AND JORNAL DO BRASIL COLUMNIST D'ALEMBERT
JACCOUD

XXXXXXXXX. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH D'ALEMBERT'S WIFE,

ASSOCIATES ON THE JORNAL DO BRASIL AND FRIENDS OF

D'ALEMBERT (THREE MDB DEPUTIES OF NATIONAL CONGRESS)

WHO ARE WORKING FOR HIS RELEASE, NOVITSKI GAVE THE

FOLLOWING STORY:

2. D'ALEMBERT WAS PICKED UP AT HIS OFFICE LAST THURSDAY
AND HAS BEEN HELD BY THE ARMY PLANALTO MILITARY COMMAND
UNDER GENERAL ANTONIO BANDEIRA. HE HAS BEEN WELL TREATED
AND VISITED A NUMBER OF TIMES BY HIS WIFE. D'ALEMBERT'S
FRIENDS BELIEVE HE WAS ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF

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8/20/71

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INFORMATION GIVEN BY A LAWYER, SEBASTAO DE ABREU, WHO INFORMED THE POLICE THAT SOMETIME PREVIOUSLY, D'ALEMBERT HAD BROUGHT TO HIM A COMMUNIST BY THE NAME OF DIJACY WHO HAD PROPOSED SETTING UP OF RURAL CELLS. D'ALEMBERT SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW DIJACY AND THAT THE STORY IS A FABRICATION. SEBASTAO, WHO HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED, HAS BEEN QUOTED AS DEFENDING HIMSELF BY THE CLAIM THAT HE WOULD HAVE TURNED IN HIS OWN MOTHER AFTER THE TREATMENT HE RECEIVED. NOVITSKI STATES BELIEF PURELY ON THE BASIS OF SUPPOSITION, THAT THE REAL REASON D'ALEMBERT WAS PICKED UP WAS HIS TIMES CONNECTION AND HIS WELL-KNOWN CLOSE PAIVA RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RUBENS/~~XXXX~~ FAMILY. (MRS. RUBENS PAIVA /~~XXXX~~ RECENTLY SPENT A MONTH WITH THE D'ALEMBERT'S IN BRASILIA.) NOVITSKI BELIEVES THE AUTHORITIES CREDIT D'ALEMBERT AS BEING THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION WHICH PAIVA NOVITSKI USED IN HIS ARTICLES ON/~~XXXX~~. IT IS, HOWEVER, HIS IMPRESSION THAT D'ALEMBERT WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY.

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4. REGARDLESS FACTUAL BASIS D'ALEMBERT ARREST, CODI
ACCUSATION SO SERIOUS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR IT TO
RELEASE D'ALEMBERT IN NEAR FUTURE. FOR TIME BEING,
SAYS HE
NOVITSKI/DOES NOT PLAN WRITE ARTICLES ON D'ALEMBERT
ARREST. ~~HE~~ HE WAS DISUADED BY D'ALEMBERT'S FRIENDS
INTERVENING
FROM ~~INTERVENING~~ IN HIS BEHALF WITH PRESIDENCY.

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